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Onion Fire Update

YREKA, CA— The Onion Fire, burning in the Trinity Alps Wilderness, about ten miles east of Cecilville, has been putting up new smoke with its growth over the last 48 hours. The fire has increased to an estimated 300 acres. A full fire suppression strategy has been implemented due to Saturday's fire activity. Forty firefighters and a helicopter are currently assigned. Additional crews and air support are on order and expected today. The increase in fire activity and expected weather and continual seasonal drying have increased the complexity of the fire and a Type 3 Incident Commander and support organization has been brought in to assist.

Assigned personnel are reinforcing existing containment lines, and as conditions allow, burning out fuels ahead and upslope of the fire to ensure containment. The fire remains confined to an area south of Rush Creek, north of the ridge between Rush and McNeil Creeks, east of the confluence of Rush and McNeil Creeks and west of the major ridge between Rush Creek Lake and Packers Peak. A spot was successfully contained north of Rush Creek in the old Rush Fire. Firefighters continue to work to protect lives, property, and resources.

Smoke from the Onion Fire has increased and smoke effects are being monitored (a monitoring station has been set up in Coffee Creek).

Location: 10 air miles southeast of Cecilville, CA **Estimated Fire Size:** 300 acres

Jurisdiction: USDA Forest Service, Salmon-Scott Ranger District, Klamath National Forest.

Cause: Lightning **Injuries:** 0 **Resources:** **Total Personnel:** 80 **Evacuations:** None.

Closures: None at this time; hunters and Forest users may see smoke or firefighters in the area of Lady Gulch Trail.

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